

1 ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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3 A method and an apparatus which eliminates repeated entry of user information.
4 A first website corresponding to a vendor of products or services presents (or displays)
5 products or services to a user. A second website along with the first website contains
6 information corresponding to a plurality of individuals. A user browses the first website
7 and selects products or services for purchase. In processing the sale, the first website
8 prompts the user to provide information about the user in order to obtain billing and
9 shipping information for example. The first website includes a software application that is
10 programmed to search a storage medium at the first website. The method and apparatus
11 can also communicate with the second website and search and retrieve information
12 corresponding to the user from the second website based on a minimum amount of
13 information entered through a user interface at the first website. The second website is
14 accessed upon the software application being unable to retrieve information about the user
15 from the first website. The retrieved information is appended to the user entered
16 information and is verified by the user. After verification, the (retrieved and user entered)
17 information is transmitted and processed for completing a transaction.